Production sharing arrangements between U.S. firm and ONGC

1191. DR. NAUNCHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to increase Oil production from the Bombay High under a production sharing arrangement between the U.S. firm and the Oil and Natural Gas Commission; if so the details thereof; and

(b) if so, whether the foreign companies guarantee incremental production with the help of their technologies, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS(CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) There is no specific proposal under consideration of Government.

Fire in ONGC Headquarters in Bombay

1192. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a major fire broke out in the headquarters of Oil and Natural Gas Commission in Bombay on 18-4-93;

(b) if so, what is the extent of damage caused by the fire;

(c) whether an enquiry committee to probe into the causes of fire has been constituted; and

(d) if so,what are the terms thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) A fire broke out in the Vasudhara Bhavan of ONGC on 18-4-93.

(b) The fire has caused extensive damage to the 8th floor and portion of the 7th floor where the office accommodation and various communication system and computer facilities were located.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The terms of the enquiry committee are :—

(i) To look into the likely cause of the fire

(ii) Fixing responsibility for negligence, if any

(iii) Magnitude of damage/lose

(iv) Recommendation on remedial measures.

Proposal to set up a LPG Terminal at Mangalore Port

1193. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited's four year old proposal to set up a liquified petroleum gas terminal at Mangalore Port to handle LPG import is still hanging fire;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when clearance to the proposal is likely to be accorded ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Re-examination of systems and facilities specified in the project took considerable time. Now, the project is at an advanced stage of approval.